

I am horrified by Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. What happened to local control, and to fair and objective reporting?

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But with a small number of large corporations owning a huge majority of the media outlets, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Ordering 62 stations to air "Stolen Honor: Wounds that never heal" is an obvious attempt by a corporate media giant to influence elections, which goes against federal election law.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, and enforce the ones that already exist. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.